

AS TO THE SCHOOLS

Thomas J. Ducey Explains the Catholic Attitude

ON THE PAROCHIAL SYSTEM

He insists That Catholics Have a Constitutional Right to Maintain Ecclesiastical Schools.

The constitution of the United States provides that men shall have the right to worship God according to their consciences. That Congress shall make no law respecting religion or support any particular form of state religion. The public school system of the country seems to me to be regulated and directed by this constitutional provision. Until lately many Catholics have been unaware enough to attack the public school system as Godless. Those attacks have provoked from non-Catholic citizens a mistrust of Catholics and their religion. Well disposed but bigoted and prejudiced non-Catholics, not informed of Catholic doctrine, have been ready and willing at all times to cry out before the country that the institutions of the country were in danger from Catholic invasion. De Tompkins' and democracy in America has often been quoted in sectarian papers against the Catholic church. The American people have heard time and time again the words put in the mouth of Lafayette that if American institutions were to be destroyed it would be through the influence of the Catholic church and its clergy.

To honest Catholics and unprejudiced and intelligent non-Catholics this cry always appears to be very childish. The only danger from such false insinuations is that the vast multitude of people in the struggle for life have not time to do much analyzing and thinking and consequently allow others to do it for them. Therefore, this vast multitude of citizens may believe the utterances of the prejudiced and the bigoted and cultivate a distrust for their Catholic fellow citizens who are only a small minority of the whole population of this vast country. This distrust on the part of the multitude of non-Catholics against their Catholic fellow citizens can be and no doubt is intended by the narrowness and aggressiveness of some few Catholics, ecclesiastics and laymen, no doubt well intentioned and sincere, but nevertheless directed by a zeal neither in keeping with discretion nor charity. Those people do not voice the conviction of the authority and intelligence of the



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church. They are but blind leaders of the blind.

The American people need have no fear of the small army of Catholics subverting the institutions of the country. This army of ten millions poorly equipped and not so wonderfully generalized cannot wipe out the army of over sixty million well equipped with vast resources and possessed of much skilled craftsmanship. This has and cry about the Catholic church being opposed to the institutions of the country seems to me at all times, looking at it calmly, to be very much like the mode of directing infancy in the nursery before we arrive at the use of reason and discretion—the fear of the bogaboo. Nevertheless the bogaboo does terrify the child though it has no existence, and if imprudent Catholics keep on crying out against the public school system and its Godless character, they must not be surprised if the vast majority of American non-Catholics fear and mistrust them.

We have no right, in my judgment, under the constitution to attack the public school system. But we have the right under the constitution to worship God according to our consciences while loyally supporting every constitutional claim of our country. We are not compelled by law to send our children to the public schools, and if some of the ecclesiastics and some of the laity believe there is an absolute necessity for the existence of parochial schools the state has no right to and does not prevent us from building such schools, placing an additional tax upon ourselves for their maintenance and sending Catholic children to them to receive secular education in the interest of their worldly progress and in addition to their secular education throwing around the child the safeguards of morality and deep religious conviction. We have a right, as every non-Catholic will admit, to do this. The constitution protects us in our rights. Therefore, the Catholic acts very wisely and criminally against the interests of his religion when he attacks the public school system which the great majority of American citizens regard as the unwritten clause of our constitution for the preservation of American liberties. The holy father and his delegates undoubtedly, from all the public has learned since the arrival of Mr. Sabelli in the United States, now almost a year ago, have taken this view of the situation. Mr. Sabelli, at the Chicago congress of Catholics, told the assembled multitude that they must practice their religion in keeping with the liberties of this country. That they should go forward doing their duty at all times with the constitution of the United States in one hand and the Bible, the book of God's truth, in the other. It seems to me this utterance is only a paraphrase of the Holy Scriptures which tells us that we possess the liberty of the children of God and

that the truth shall make us free. The school propositions of Mr. Sabelli which are the voice of the holy father, encourage Catholics where they have parochial schools to make every effort to bring them up to the standard of the most advanced grades of public education. He informs the bishops, the clergy and the laity that it is the wish of the holy father where the Catholics have not the means to provide the education of their children, that the children must not be kept in ignorance, that they are perfectly free to attend these schools by their individual right of liberty of conscience, that these children and their parents must not be treated with harshness by ecclesiastics and that neither the children nor parents shall be threatened by ecclesiastics with spiritual penalties. It seems to me that this is a clear and authoritative declaration that the holy father who is the head of the Catholic church does not regard our public school system as Godless or as a menace in any way to the souls of Catholic children. Why then should hot-headed, even if intelligent, Catholics professing to respect the authority of the holysee, put themselves in a position of apparent opposition to the highest authority of the Catholic church and that which is regarded by Americans as the greatest of American institutions—the public schools? It seems to me that all thoughtful American citizens viewing the declaration of Leo XIII in support of their right to maintain their public schools and in support of Catholics who take advantage of their great power as educators for their children, and in particular the American non-Catholics, need have no fear from the Catholic church condemning or opposing the public educational system of the country, and that American justice coolly and calmly viewing the situation will not censure or oppose the minority of their Catholic fellow citizens, because a few hot heads lift their voices against an institution which the holy father as the supreme authority of the church recognizes as a most potent factor to promote the welfare, happiness and enlightenment of the citizens of this great country.

Eventually if the state legislatures should be made to feel by honest statistics that the Catholic schools now in existence give as perfect an education as the most advanced of the public schools, and in addition to all this by deep religious teaching appeal to the heart of the child, instructing it in the highest patriotism and love of our institutions, much of the prejudice now existing against Catholics individually and as a body will disappear. The state will never consent to a system of education suggested by a Catholic gentleman in New York some weeks ago. His plan of visitation of parochial schools by the local authorities and the allowance per capita to scholars of certain standing from the public school fund will be received by non-Catholics of all denominations with great suspicion and as only an attempt to get control of the public money. Rev. Dr. Costa, a very scholarly and respected Episcopal minister, in analyzing the plan of Dr. Webb, the editor of two Catholic papers in New York, says: "Dr. Webb's plan, though skillfully worded, is fallacious. I have always regarded our public schools as the most important instruments for welding together the different elements in our population. I am therefore opposed to any such plan as that suggested. The Catholics have no grievance in this matter. Their children can come to the public schools. We teach morals there, not religion. If, however, Catholics prefer to send their children where they will receive special religious instruction, it is their own fault if they have to pay for it." THOMAS J. DUCHEY.

And the Girl Laughed. A certain allopathic physician, not more than a thousand miles from a given point in the city of Detroit, has a daughter whose steady companion is a pronounced homoeopath, and for reasons not at all professional the father doesn't admire his possible son-in-law, though the daughter does. Some time ago the old gentleman found the young man at his house, and thinking it a good time to settle matters he proceeded to speak his mind very freely to the youth.

"Well, have you said all you wanted to say?" inquired the father, when the father had made a series of uncomplimentary and scolding remarks.

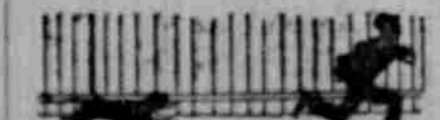
"No, I haven't," exclaimed the allopath, getting his second wind; "I want to say that my advice to you is to get out of this house at once and never come back again."

The young man braced up and smiled. "Well," he responded, "you may go to Jericho with your advice. I'm a homoeopath, I am, and I don't allow any allopath in existence to prescribe for me. Good evening," and the young man sat down so firmly that the old gentleman concluded he had made a mistake and left the house himself.—Detroit Free Press.

Their Parents. Sammy—Did you ever see the Old Man of the Sea? Johnny—No, but I know who he is. He's the father of the mermaids.—Chicago Tribune.

Noble Self-Sacrifice. "So Timkin has run away with Grandma's wife—and he was a friend of Grandma's?"

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NAVAL FETE AT HAND

France at Fever Heat Over Russian Fleet Visit.

LABOR CONGRESS A FIZZLE

France and England Anxious to Dip Into the Melilla Affair—Ambassador Eustice's Reception.

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PARIS, Oct. 11.—The reception of the Russian fleet at Toulon is but two days off and the Russian fever grows hourly in intensity. The newspapers now give daily long lists of the Russian officials and dignitaries who have come to Paris to witness the fete. Russian decorations are seen everywhere in such variety and beauty as would not be possible in any other continental capital. There is little doubt that both France and England are anxious for a chance to present to Sultan Muloy-Hassan treaties similar to the ones he recently refused to sign for them. Neither the French nor the British government would be unwilling probably to use Sultan's trouble with Spain to secure such ends. This rivalry to obtain the benefits of the Melilla affair is one source of French jealousy.

The labor congress of the Gues district closed Monday evening. The proceedings were conducted with great mystery. The socialist journals in Paris paid little attention to it and the general opinion is that the whole affair was a fizzle. Prince de Joinville, son of Louis Philippe, has completed his father's memoirs and placed them in the hands of his publishers. They are said to contain a great fund of new anecdotes concerning court society in the days of Louis Philippe's power. The first official reception of the diplomatic corps ever held in the embassy of the United States will take place early in November. About the middle of November Mr. Eustice will receive the American colony.

General Foster has started on a tour around the world. Under the direction of General Sausser, military governor of Paris, maneuvers representing every branch of the military and medical service were begun near the city on October 2. They will last until Saturday night. The troops in the field include two squadrons of cavalry, four infantry and eight batteries.

It Indicates a Monarchy. LONDON, Oct. 11.—The Exchange Telegraph company says: "A telegram received from Rio indicates that startling developments may be expected soon. Everything in Rio tends to the restoration of the monarchy. It is now virtually on a question of terms."

Cholera Has Abated. LONDON, Oct. 11.—A despatch to the Central News from Rome says that the cholera is abating somewhat in Italy and has entirely vanished from most of the infected towns on the mainland of Italy.

Six Persons Drowned. LONDON, Oct. 11.—A mailboat plying between Roussay and Eday, in the Orkney islands, was upset in a squall yesterday and the two boatsmen, a woman and her three children were drowned.

Spain Quits the Sultan's Coast. PARIS, Oct. 11.—A dispatch from Tangier says that in view of the fighting at Melilla Spain has withdrawn her military attaches from the sultan's court.

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Art Embroideries. Miss Rust's sale of Art Embroideries at the New Livingston hotel, closes at 6 p. m. Friday, October 13. Lessons given.

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Mrs. Henry Fry, who lives at 4 Flint Place, South Boston, Mass., says: "My daughter, 12 years old, became affected with St. Vitus' dance. I at once placed her under the care of physicians at the Boston Dispensary, where she was treated for three months. She grew worse until she entirely lost her speech, and the right arm became useless. I tried other remedies without benefit. Finally I began the use of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, and



FLORA FRY.

before finishing one bottle she could talk. She has now used six bottles and she talks as well as ever, has perfect use of her arm and is wonderfully improved in all respects.

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J. W. Cottrell of Matamoras, Pa., says: "It affords me pleasure to add my testimonial in favor of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy. Both my wife and little daughter were greatly benefited by its use."

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